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Rosemary Caine will be performing outside Core XI on Friday night at 9:30 pm. The show is for all ages, and there is no admission fee.

Saint Joseph's College Alumni will be participating in the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Chicago. They will march as the "World's Largest Alumni Kazoo Band" in the March 15 parade.

The SJC ProLife group is sponsoring a 24-hour Prayer Vigil beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 28. Individual meditation, speakers, group prayer, and Mass will be a part of the vigil, which is in support of life.

Recently, SJC alumnus Mike Killian spoke as part of the Executive in Residence program. Killian was the employer of the trader in Singapore who took down one of Britain's oldest banks with a trading fraud. Killian's company went bankrupt after the incident.

Habitat for Humanity is planning a trip to West Virginia during spring break. SJC students will be helping with construction of homes in the Appalachian area.

Dukes joins Counseling office



photo by Rachel Hempel

by Joe Derybowski

There is a new man here at Saint Joseph's who will bring his counseling services to all students in need; his name is Thomas Dukes. Dukes grew up in Illinois and Minnesota, and received his undergraduate degree at Wheaton College. He then moved on to receive two master's degrees from New York University, one in social work and the other in management. He then became a therapist for six years, spending the last four of those at Purdue University.

Not all students know exactly what goes on behind the doors of the counseling office but Mr. Dukes was willing to explain. He works with students on academic probation along with freshman in the FASP program, (freshman academic support program). The counseling office is also in charge of orientation and freshman advising. One of his most important jobs is keeping the counseling doors open to people with personal problems such as depression or eating disorders.

When asked if he was ready to make any changes around the school he replied with a laugh, "You're asking me this on my fourth day here?" Then he answered, "In general, we'd like to do more for students and do it better. From what I've heard we also might give the Freshman Seminar a tune-up if not a complete overhaul. We'll take a look at the curriculum and get together a small group of professors and myself and just kind of go over that and see what we need to change."

Dukes commented, "I really like it here so far. I was happy at Purdue but one of the biggest struggles was with 35,000 kids it's almost impossible to build any sort of sense of community. So, one of the things I just love is the size. It's a lot smaller, obviously, but I think that there is a lot of advantages to that. You get to know people better and get to be known. I think you get a much more personally detailed experience. The people here have been really wonderful so far."

Forensics Council excels in competition

by Ashley Pierce and Elizabeth Lieb

The SJC Forensics team is preparing for competitions at the state, national and international levels.

On February 21, the team competed in the Indiana State Tournament at Purdue University. The meet was a successful one for the group, with three students qualifying for Nationals, which will be held April 17-21 at Ball State University.

Freshman Allison Putz and sophomore Blair Van Velse qualified with impromptu speeches. Each of them received a quote and were given two minutes to prepare a speech. According to faculty sponsor Maureen Minielli, "Usually the speech indicates how the theme of the quotation can be illustrated in the areas of literature, history, politics, current events, and popular people. Core gets used A LOT in this event!"

Junior Mary Bear qualified for Nationals in the category of informative speaking. She prepared a ten-minute-long speech on the topic of gene therapy and its uses in helping cure or decrease diseases such as AIDS, breast cancer, diabetes, and others.

This is the second year for the Saint Joseph's Forensics Council. The team has a total of 18 members who perform pieces in areas such as plays, poetry, prose, duos, and impromptu.

Over spring break, the members of the forensics team will be traveling to London to compete in an international speech tournament. The competition in London has been a major goal for the team this year. "Right now our goal is getting there and going through the tournament," stated Minielli. The team has done several fundraisers to prepare for the trip. "We've worked hard to earn airfare and other expenses. We've sold entertainment books, raffle tickets at football games, and written letters to corporations," noted junior Matt Owens.

While the team is expecting to face tough competition at the international meet, they are looking forward to "seeing how other countries' speech teams are organized," according to Owens.

Sno-Coming Schedule

Thursday- Show Your Spirit- Dorm Wars from 6:15 through the end of the men's basketball game.

Friday- Show Your Skills- Games in Halleck lounges including Euchre, Jenga, Trivial Pursuit - 4 p.m.

Friday- Show Your Unity- Pep Rally in the fieldhouse at 7 p.m. Crowning of King and Queen, along with dorm competitions.

Saturday- Show Your Spirit- Support SJC teams at the basketball games. Awards for Dorm Wars presented during men's halftime.

Are Americans Slowly Losing Their Constitutional Rights?

by William Shannon

It entered the news and left in the same day. It went almost completely unnoticed. Earlier this week, President Clinton suggested that giving police more power to search and seize private property would increase safety and protect Americans from violent crimes. Sounds good, safety and all, right? Right? Safety is not, however, the key to this story. It is merely the gloss put over the real occurrence.

The real consequence of President Clinton's suggestion is nothing less than infringing on the Constitutional rights of every man, woman and child in this country. This dangerous event has happened in the past and it will keep happening if nothing is done about it soon.

The Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights were designed to protect the natural rights of Americans against incursions of the government or any external power. In the words of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, "Man is born free, but everywhere he is in chains."

Americans are born with certain rights which are defended and enumerated in the Constitution and the Bill

of Rights. But do we live in chains? If we consider how free we really are, we see that we live with more shackles than we care to admit.

To take the recent case of President Clinton as but one example, the President, in suggesting this, clearly has no compunction about giving police officials the right to infringe on the rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment. And this from the man who swore in front of God and the American people that he would DEFEND the Constitution? To quote Thomas Jefferson, "I tremble for my country when I think that God is just."

We, as Americans, cannot let our rights be trampled by a government that clearly has no desire to allow citizens to exercise their freedoms. These freedoms do not come from the government, but it is the job of the government to protect them and THEY ARE NOT DOING SO.

What can be done? Consider again the words spoken by Thomas Jefferson, the great patron of liberty: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is natural manure."

SJC has Strong Tradition of Catholic Identity

by Klaudia Janek

I recently attended a conference at Notre Dame for the National Association of Students at Catholic Colleges and Universities. We discussed many different aspects of social justice and activism on Catholic campuses. We also got the privilege of attending a lecture by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. about environmentalism and how it ties into the idea of Christianity. That was probably the highlight of the whole weekend. Who can resist not being mesmerized by a Kennedy?

There were about 70 other students from all over the United States, many of whom I got to meet and talk to. We exchanged ideas and talked about the Catholic identity of our individual campuses. After talking to many of these people, I realized that Saint Joseph's is far ahead of other colleges in defining its Christian identity. I think that our Core program is the best example of how this institution tries to introduce Christian Humanism to its students. It is a program that many other students never get to experience at other Catholic colleges and universities.

Our College did lack behind others in student participation in volunteer groups and Campus Ministry activities. I talked with a girl from the University of Dayton and she said that she has been on a waiting list for three and a half years to go on Kairos and she probably won't be able to before she graduates. WOW!!!

We also discussed how far a Catholic institution should go in trying to be "Catholic". I've heard people remark that we should be more active in recruiting Catholic students and faculty members. I don't think that is a very good idea and I hope the College never adopts that line of thinking. There are many examples of students and faculty who are not Catholic who embody the idea of Christianity better than some Catholics.

I also think that it is important when a college or university is considering its Catholic identity that it include students in the discussions. The Catholic identity we have as a Catholic institution makes us unique. It is definitely an asset to students who attend this College. But it is important that the College recognize that students need to take part in meetings that discuss our Catholic identity. Perhaps with more student involvement in this area we can raise awareness of social justice and get students to become more involved.

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Cheers and Jeers at SJC

- *Cheers to Steve Santo for his salads on Monday nights.
- *Three cheers to Core XII!!!
- *Cheers to peanut butter and chocolate chip cookies in the Cafe.
- *Cheers to the First Amendment.
- *Cheers to cleared sidewalks and roads on campus so we can all get to class without having to wear snowshoes.
- *Cheers to the Mock Trial Team for doing a good job.
- *Cheers to the efforts of those involved in CareerFest.
- *Cheers to the SJC community for holding a successful Science Olympiad.
- *Cheers to Bishop William Higi (our Bishop) for defending the integrity of the Catholic Church amidst recent controversy.

- *Jeers to having classes on Presidents Day when the whole country has the day off.
- *Jeers to outrageous monthly dorm fines. We already pay to have them cleaned.
- *Jeers to waiting in long lines in the Cafe. What is this, Russia?
- *Jeers to the doors not being unlocked when they are supposed to be.
- *Jeers to whatever evil forces are responsible for the awful drainage on campus. Although I enjoy swimming to class, I feel funny wearing my flippers in the Core building.
- *Jeers to religious, racial, and sexual intolerance.
- *Jeers to old, uncomfortable furniture in the dorms.

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Students attend social justice conference

Sister Linda travels to Brazil

by Klaudia Janek

The National Association of Students at Catholic Colleges and Universities (NASCCU) held its annual conference Feb. 20-23, 1997, at the University of Notre Dame.

Juniors Peggy McLeish and Vanessa Mangiaforte, along with senior Klaudia Janek represented Saint Joseph's College at this conference.

The theme of this year's conference was "Social Justice Activism on the Catholic Campus." The highlight was the keynote address by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who spoke about environmental concerns. Kennedy's speech was titled "A Contract with our Future" He shared his experiences as an environmental

lawyer and lobbyist, and he encouraged today's Catholic institutions to play a bigger role in environmental concerns.

NASCCU is a national organization to which every student who is enrolled in a Catholic institution belongs. The purpose of the organization is to "seek unity and solidarity with our institutions and with the Church as we engage in this endeavor to strengthen the voice of students at Catholic Colleges and Universities."

A major concern for NASCCU at this year's conference was Pope John Paul II's 1990 apostolic constitution, *Ex corde Ecclesiae*. This document seeks to define the Catholic identity at

Catholic colleges and universities in the United States. All Catholic institutions have been asked to adopt this policy by the Conference of U.S. Bishops.

The strengthening of Catholic identity is the responsibility of the whole institution and students ask their administrations to include their voice when they discuss the Catholic identity of each individual institution.

The Saint Joseph's faculty have discussed some issues of *Ex corde Ecclesiae* and the Catholic identity issue has arisen at some administrative meetings. As of now Saint Joseph's College has only an ad hoc committee to deal with *Ex corde Ecclesiae* and there is no student representation.



Sister Linda poses with her liturgy committee, composed of members from all over the world.

by Becky Johnson

Recently, Sister Linda Kors traveled to Brazil to attend a conference for her congregation, the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Kors attended two weeks of meetings and spent another five weeks with the people of the assembly and sisters.

This year, the Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrated fifty years in Brazil. This celebration consisted of music, singing, banners, and flowers. The congregation was founded in France, and meets every two and a half years. There are five committees in the congregation, consisting of people from every continent.

Sister Linda commented, "During my travels there were three presentations given dealing with neo-liberalism. The major points discussed were the economy, spirituality, theology and black/feminine influences on racism.

We also talked about our country and its farmers, Africa, and the rain forests, amongst other topics."

Sister Linda remarked on the global focus of the meetings, "During the meetings we realized how small we are compared to the rest of the world. We need each other to focus on the world."

Kors started off for Brazil three weeks early, and visited the cities of Bahia, Minas Gerais, Sao Paulo and Parana.

Sister Linda commented on the poverty in Brazil, "I saw the landless movement projects first-hand and the poor people (squatters) who had seventy-two hours to get land; much like how it was here during the time when people could claim their land on arrival. In these areas there is no middle class. I ran across three hundred people under one bridge searching for shelter."

Northup shares African experiences



Northup visits with people of the Maasai tribe.

by Klaudia Janek

On Feb. 8, 1997, junior Joshua Northup gave a presentation on his experiences in Tanzania, Africa. Northup spent a semester in Tanzania studying at Saint Gaspar College, which was founded by the Precious Blood Society.

During the presentation Northup gave a relevant history of Tanzania and how it related to his semester-long experience. To give students a better picture of life in Tanzania, Northup shared many of his pictures that depicted

normal, everyday life along with the beauty and wilderness of this fairly new country.

Tanzania is a very diverse country in its social, cultural, and economic aspects. Northup seemed most disappointed with the government corruption that makes the living conditions very poor in Tanzania. But according to Northup, the country is "one of the poorest in the world, but has some of the happiest people living in it."

SJC Mock Trial Team competes

by Elizabeth Lieb

The Saint Joseph's Mock Trial Team competed against 14 other teams at Bellarmine College in Louisville on Feb. 21 and 22. The team's thirteen members have been preparing since late November. Each team in the competition was given the same case to prepare, each deciding on their own strategy. Acting skills are also important to competition. The team's point totals put them in 8th place.

Junior Kathleen Brass won the award for Best Witness. Junior Andy Hicks was recognized as the seventh best lawyer.

Judge Robert Monfort served as the team's coach/sponsor. Junior Jennifer Townsend, who had the part of the plaintiff, commented, "Overall, it is a good experience, especially for people interested in law school, because you can learn how a court is run." Next year, the group hopes to send two teams to competition.

SUB's budget unchanged

by Julia Garcia

It has been rumored that the Student Union Board has mysteriously lost money. According to Bob Dusek, SA President, this report is untrue.

At a recent Senate meeting, it was stated that the Student Association had around \$10,000 less in their budget than it had the previous semester. This was because more funds were allocated to more purposes than had been

the semester before. For example, money was donated to the library and a light pole contribution was made. Therefore, the Student Association had less money to allocate to clubs and groups this semester. "Now, we will just have to make a tight budget work," stated Dusek.

Because the Student Association has a tighter budget to work with, some groups may face budget cuts.

Opportunities... Just a click away

by Robert Dusek

"I don't even know how to use it!"

"You can obtain such a vast amount of information in such a small amount of time..."

"...it's cheaper than a phone call."

"It's easy to find a job..."

Can you guess what the above quotes are referring to? I'll give you just one try. It's big, it's fast, and (unlike many other elements matching that description) it is many teachers' dream come true.

It's the Internet, and it has not only become popular with teachers around the globe, it has become a favorite of students, employers, potential employees, and money makers alike.

The last two years have witnessed the phenomenal growth of the Internet. The Internet, also known as "the Net," owes this growth to the one commodity it provides (arguably) more than any other entity on this planet — opportunity, boundless opportunity. The opportunities range anywhere from an education on the Gospels to the fulfilling of your wildest fantasies (in the case that they are ideally far from an education on the Gospels).

In between there somewhere lurks one of the biggest

concerns of college students everywhere, the opportunity for employment.

The task of finding a job after school can be a very overbearing one. Writing your resume, searching the "Help Wanted" ads to find the right opportunity, calling all across the country and perhaps even paying fairly large sums of money to have

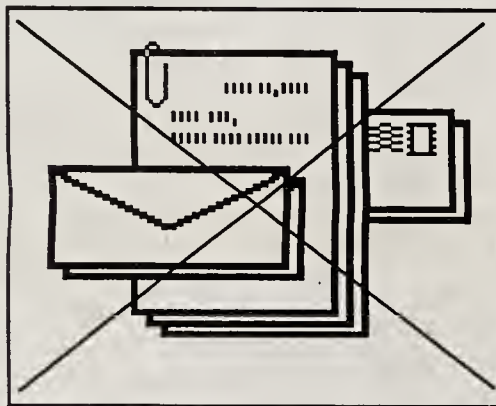
some job searching company try to find a job that "matches your strengths and weaknesses."

Well, excluding the part about writing your resume, the Internet can take care of that headache for you. All you need is an electronic version of your resume, a "connected" computer and two working eyes to accomplish your job search on the Internet.

Now obviously, as the very first quote up above suggests, one must have a little knowledge about the Internet, which in reality is

merely the concept of a large group of computers that are linked to one another in a fashion that allows them to share information with one another.

All that it takes to obtain this knowledge is a little time and a willingness to learn. Once you've obtained that, everything is easy. You merely "wander" out on "the



Net" and you will find thousands (at least) of employers who

are looking for fresh college graduates to employ.

There are also many services on the Internet that allow you to register your resume (for free!) for those thousands of companies all around the globe to look at.

No laborious mailings and trips to the post office, wondering whether or not your resume was lost, or whether or not it will "get there" in time, are involved. Simply send it over the wire with the click of a mouse, in a matter

of seconds!

Yet, one of the biggest advantages to a job search over the Internet is not just the fact that it's essentially free (assuming you're not getting a computer just to find a job) and very easy, it is the fact that all your tools for finding your job, all your resources, can be found in one place, at one time... on your computer.

No need to worry about losing your resume, or losing the phone number to that perfect employer you've searched weeks for, it's all on the computer. And, with any sense, you can merely save it to a disk and carry all your information around with you... in your pocket.

The fact is, almost all big businesses are connected to the Internet. And, if they don't inquire for resumes and such over the Net, then valuable correspondence, vital to the job searching process, can be carried out via e-mail, which is very accessible to most everyone.

Help your chances in your quest for the perfect job by getting yourself on the Internet, "connected" to the boundless opportunities. There are thousands of reasons to do it, and only a lack of knowledge stands in your way.

Famous Reflections on Work

"I don't like work--no man does--but I like what is in work--the chance to find yourself. Your own reality--for yourself, not for others--what no other man can ever know."

Joseph Conrad

"By the work one knows the workman."

Jean de La Fontaine

"Work keeps us from three great evils, boredom, vice and poverty."

Voltaire

"Nice work if you can get it. And you can get it if you try."

A Damsel in Distress (1937) *Nice Work* Gershwin

"There is no substitute for hard work."

Thomas Alva Edison

"The intellect of man is forced to choose Perfection of the life, or of the work. And if it take the second must refuse a heavenly mansion, raging in the dark."

William Butler Yeats

Every man's work, whether it be literature, or music or pictures or architecture or anything else, is always a portrait of himself."

Samuel Butler

"To love and to work."

Sigmund Freud

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The Future Holds More Than Just Sunny Weather

by Peggy McLeish

Now that second semester is close to half way over, the summer is beginning to become a reality. For many Saint Joseph's students that simply means summer break for a few months. However, seniors have much more to look forward to this May. They will be ending their undergraduate career and taking a step into... the real world.

This time of the year is a rush for seniors to polish resumes and begin interviewing with possible future employers. Most seniors now have a full resume from their years here at Saint Joseph's, so now is the time to get it ready for distribution. Seniors send out resumes to all employers with whom they would like to work, as well as few that they may hope will be temporary positions.

Sorting through these possible employers is quite a job in itself. Seniors must decide what specific field they plan on continuing in. Then, options as to corporations and other businesses which have positions in such fields must be found. Lastly, the question is whether or not they are currently hiring. This is a common concern among those who will be college graduates shortly.

Instead of companies fighting for college graduate employees, the employment market has made graduates have to fight for positions. College degrees are much more common today than they have been even in the recent past, which makes other qualifications even more necessary.

All of these concerns are now being considered by the seniors. Those who are not going directly into the workforce may be planning on continuing their education at a graduate program. In such a case, tests such as the MCAT, GRE, and LSAT are a top concern for the seniors. By February of a student's senior year, these tests are probably already completed, and the eternal wait for results may be experienced. From here these students will go on to heighten their academic training, and progress to professional positions.



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LIFE... After Saint Joseph's

by Randy Wagers

The question is asked a million times a day—what will the future be like. This is a constant thought on the minds of students. Finding the right career and making the best decisions while trying to keep calm are major tasks. With anticipation of bright futures, what career plans do some of our Pumas have after life at Saint Joseph's?

"I plan on either attending Indiana University for medical school or becoming a H.S. teacher."

Brett Berndt

(I) "Plan to teach history at a high school and coach basketball or football."

Dave Minifee

"I really don't have any plans that are set in stone, but I would like to work with a major television network either in New York or Chicago...in what capacity... I don't know. I am planning to intern next summer and that should give me a little direction."

Jennifer Silva

"More than likely, I will become a stock broker. I'm currently working as an intern for one to get the taste of it. Of course, I have already changed my mind several times, so I may end up doing nothing."

Brad Gellert

"I am planning on becoming a high school Biology teacher and football coach. Currently I am considering returning to my high school, Roncalli in Indianapolis."

Trevor Wilson

Ear Wacks



by Brian Zimmer

This week we will focus on three new releases from some of Rock n' Roll's perennial groove masters.

James "Whiplash" After years of obscurity in the U.S., James broke onto the music scene with their hit "Laid." Maybe it was bad timing, but James was made out to be a commercial radio "one hit wonder" even after years of great music, wonderful live performances and numerous loyal fans.

With this album James continues to move in a new direction. While "Whiplash" contains the usual rock anthems and fiery croons of lead singer Tim Booth it also contains some great new techno sounds. Songs 5, 6, and 7 all take a page from Brian Eno's assistance on "Laid" using more effects, loops, and computer generated (sounds that way at least) beats.

The beauty of this album and this group is that they pull it off nicely with only a hint of overproduction. Most note worthy is track 7, "Play Dead," which builds to a fine crescendo from a shaky start.

This album lacks the dynamics of previous work but makes up for it in other areas. The only point of negative interest is the cloning of "She's a Star" into the song "Avalanche" and the odd sequencing. All things considered, another solid work from James. Originality 7.3 Sound Quality 7.9 Performance 7.9 Overall 7.9

Widespread Panic "Bombs & Butterflies" For those of you not familiar with the Widespread Panic sound the best way to sum it up is a mixture of Rusted Root, Live, The Doobie Brothers, The Allman Brothers, and 1/2 table spoon

of Phish. That at least gets you the basic ingredients to start cooking.

"Bombs & Butterflies" can best be summed up in two ways. First, it is fun. Second, it is a breath of fresh air in a time of musical stagnation.

The opening track, "Radio Child" begins with a barrage of percussion which leaves the door wide open for the rest of the album and with that door wide open Widespread Panic move to several different areas with several different instruments which is a nice change.

I liked the piano on "Tall Boy," a southern rock sounding tune which spoke of summoning "the holy ghost from the battlefield." I also enjoyed "Rebirth" which contains lots of solos and opportunities for the individuals in the band to show off. We see this throughout the album. Also worth noting is "Hope in a Hopeless World" and Vic Chestnut's "Aunt Avis," on which he appears.

All totalled "Bombs & Butterflies" is a great album if you're not thinking about killing somebody or yourself. The direction is unmistakable and the groove is unforgettable. This is a super fun album. I laughed, I cried,..... Originality 7.9 Sound Quality 8.5 Performance 8.6 Overall 8.1

The Mighty Mighty Bosstones "Lets Face It" This album is a bit of a change for the Bosstones. On "Lets Face It" the horn section seems to play a larger part in the song and the beats seems a little more Ska-ish.

What is mostly missing is the hard sound that was their trade mark in years past. This appears later on songs like "1-2-8 and "Break So Easily."

MMB's: Not as hard until the end, more conventional Ska sound, but overall another good album. Overall (no room) 7.3

Twenty-one teams shoot for three 1997 IM basketball titles

Ghetto Cruisers lead in women's league, Staff Infection soars in men's "B" league, and Fluff Head Gypsies and Penetration share first place in men's "A" league.

by Kevin Collins

One of the best games ever invented, basketball, is the major attraction for many during this month of February. Eric Ziokowski, aided by Chad Novak, is the man with the plan as he coordinates the game schedules, referees, and anything also that may need taken care of for this year's intramural basketball season.

For those of you who do not participate in IM Basketball, there are three leagues involved. The men are broken into an "A" League and a "B" League, while the women have just one league. The men's "A" League is com-

posed of teams who may have a little more athletic ability and basketball skills. There are five "A" League teams in all: Fluff Head Gypsies, Prime Time Aardvarks, Str-8 Ballin', A Touch of Class, and Penetration.

The women's league also has five teams: Ghetto Cruisers, Little Pumas, The Butches, The Pink Ladies, and We Got Fa-qed. The men's "B" League has a few more teams with eleven. The team names are En Fuego, N.W.O. (Noll World Order), M.O.B. (Men of Bennett), Horizontally Challenged, Kumbuckets, Staff Infection, Firestorm, Raging Rivers, Bagels, Dazed and Confused, and Droppin' Trips.

Fluff Head Gypsies and Penetration are sharing the lead spot for the "A" League with records of 4-1. A Touch of Class is a close second with a record of 4-2. Tyrone Parks is leading the "A" League in scoring with a stunning average of 38.4 points per game. Zak Wells is second in scoring with an average of 17.3 points per game.

In the number one

spot for the "B" League is the coach's team, Staff Infection, with a record of 5-0, while En Fuego is number two with a 6-1 record. Cody Hooker and Tige Fennese are the leading scorers for the "B" League with averages of 26 and 23.3 points per game, respectively.

Ghetto Cruisers are cruising through the women's league with an undefeated record of 5-0. Heather Meyer and Jill Orzechoskie are fighting for the scoring title with averages of 15.2 and 14.7, respectively.

The season draws to a close after Spring Break with the 1997 Intramural basketball playoffs. Last year's final game was a rough one, and this year's promises to be just as intense. Students can keep track of their favorite teams' scores and players' averages on the bulletin board just outside the cafeteria.

So if you want to see some real basketball being played by the people you eat with in the cafe, come on over to the Rec Center and take in a little IM basketball.

Women's softball team prepares for competition in Orlando, Florida, hoping for winning season

by Jamie Riberto

The women's softball team is batting their way into a new season with high hopes and expectations after their 16-26 record last year.

The team members have been conditioning since January and are preparing for their first game which will take place during Spring

Break, March ninth in Orlando, Florida.

The team will be playing ten games over the break against all Division II schools. Two of the games will be against conference schools, but these outcomes will not count towards the team's record. The other eight teams they will play are from Pennsylvania and

the East Coast.

The team hopes to have a much better season this year. Coach Settle feels that one of the problems last season was a lot of mental breakdowns, which caused errors. These errors have been remedied, and the team is much more positive

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A word from... *The Sportsland*

by Matt "JoJo" Carter

It is about time that someone cleaned house. Don Nelson, the new general manager of the Dallas Mavericks, has struck some major blows and lit up the eyes of everyone in the NBA. In his first twelve days on the job he brought in 7 new players.

His first order of business was to waive Oliver Miller and Fred Roberts. These two players are a prime example of apathy in the NBA. Also, Nelson traded away five players and brought in seven new ones.

These moves even shocked veteran players. No one has a job unless they play hard and win. Wait a minute, isn't that the way it should be? It is about time that Nelson took a stand against underachieving players and overpriced whiners.

Don Nelson, the only three-time NBA coach of the year, has had problems with his last two coaching jobs. In Golden State, he had to deal with Chris Webber and feuding Latrell Sprewell. Then he moved to New York and was deemed too soft on his aging stars. Now he is making sure that his coach, Jimmy Clemmons, doesn't

have to deal with these distractions anymore.

I give Nelson my full endorsement on his work. It is about time that someone showed that lower talented players are more valuable to a team than whining, overpriced, and conceited players.

It is so much easier to work with players that are willing to be coached. Even though Clemmons will have to go back to the drawing board, I am sure he is happy that his job is not reliant on a group of underachievers. He has a group of players now that are willing to be coached and are ready to win. It may take a while, but I think that this move will really benefit the Mavericks.

I also think that this may shake up the NBA. Other general managers may now realize that they no longer need to put up with big egos and apathy. If a player doesn't produce--- DUMP HIM!!

I think that this is just the shot in the arm that the NBA needs. Now maybe we can get back to enjoying the NBA.

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Men's tennis team swings into action with lots of team spirit and optimism for new spring season

by Erin Breetzke

Anticipating one of their most successful seasons (opening March 19 against Anderson University at Anderson), the Saint Joseph's College men's tennis team is full of unity, enthusiasm and all-around dedication.

Everyone is excited about the season opener, and they have the confidence and mental ability to win. "I can't wait!" exclaimed freshman Richard Schuster. "I just want to get it going, and everyone says we have a chance [at winning the conference]. I'm really excited."

With a team made up of six men, just enough to make a team, Richard has had to integrate himself quickly as the only freshman. "Since I'm the only freshman on the team, I'm treated as an equal and not as much like a freshman," he stated.

Because of this unity, the team has its goals and each member knows what they need to do to achieve this. "We want to show people what we're capable of, and we want to do

as well as we can," junior James Blinzinger commented. "I'm going to play my best every meet. It

post the best record and beat our record last year," he stated.

Accomplishing

Practices seem to be going well, and for the first time in the team's history they have planned a spring

men's team is undertaking has enabled them to build upon their strong points and diminish their weaknesses. "I think we're prime," Clover stated. "We should work on doubles. That's going to be a deciding factor in our playing."

Blinzinger believes unity is one of the team's strongest qualities. "I have a very good feeling [about this season]," he commented. "We're more focused and more unified."

This depth and unity is going to help them pull through any rough spots. Though the team has not had to face any injuries, one member has come down with the chicken pox (luckily everyone else has had them before).

Overall, this should prove to be a very successful season for the men's tennis team. "I hope we stay healthy and steadily improve throughout the season. If we do so, we have a good chance at winning the conference," senior Darren Haas commented.



photo by Rachel Hempel

Seniors Darren Haas and Jude Clover show off their killer backhands.

doesn't bother me to lose if the other guy is better than me, I know some are. I just don't want to walk off the court knowing I didn't play my best," he added.

As a team member for four years, senior Jude Clover is relying on his leadership abilities to lead the team toward the goals they have set for themselves. "Of course we want to win conference, but next to that we want to

these goals is going to take a lot of mental, as well as physical, work, and Coach John Barrientos has confidence in these men and knows they can reach their goals. "I'm sure winning the GLVC championship is on every one of their minds, and I keep telling them 'you can do it, but you've got to work hard out there'," Barrientos explained. "Can we do it? Sure we can."

break trip to Florida. Working hard to raise the money and plan the trip themselves, the team is ready for exhibition games they will face.

Clover believes this trip will better prepare the team for the season. "We have a couple of matches down in Florida to get us ready for the season," he explained. "We're all looking forward to Florida to get us tanned, rested and ready."

All the practice this

Michelle Heilman, who has made all conference the last two years.

When asked about this year's team, Michelle Heilman said, "We have a young team, but we hope to capitalize on that and come out strong in the conference. All the freshmen have a lot of potential and we hope we make use of their talents."

Indiana, and Sarah Taylor from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Coach Settle is counting on these nine talented freshman and is hoping they will have an immediate impact on the team. He is counting on his three seniors to also make many contributions their last season on the team.

These three seniors are Jill Ogger, Tracey Ziembra, and captain,

ing indoors and are almost finished with conditioning. They are doing a lot of repetition in the batting cages. Also, the girls are working on game situations. Coach Settle is hoping the weather will improve before the team heads off to Florida, so that they can get some outside practice.

There are a total of eighteen women on the

team and half of the team is made up of freshman. The nine freshman are Stacey DeHaven from Logansport, Indiana, Kristi Flick from Galion, Ohio, Jill Laugerhausen from Harvard, Illinois, Kristy Langen from Lowell, Indiana, Candace Layman from Logansport, Indiana, Jill McLachlan from LaPorte, Indiana, Kelly Moskalick from Whiting,

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this year. They have a very good recruiting class this year.

The women finished ninth last year in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and only the top eight go to the conference tournament. They hope to be one of the eight teams this year and to finish in the top four in the conference.

In regard to training, the team has been practicing

To Be a Child Again

by Rachel Barlage

Lately I've been thinking a lot about being a child. One night a few weeks ago, my friends and I sat in bed and talked about our funniest childhood memories. We laughed about the picture of Jenny holding a beer can and sporting a black eye when she was only two.

Nicole told us about the time she and her brother tried to sell their baby sister (stroller included) at the side of the road. I shared my memory of bringing a dead fish to the pet fair when I was in kindergarten. D told us that whenever her class played "Heads Up Seven Up," everyone knew when it was her because they could hear her corduroys swishing.

Last weekend, one of my friends said, "I liked being a kid way too much." He missed the freedom of playing all day long and not worrying about anything. In another recent conversation, a friend and I talked about how exciting Christmas was when we were little. His older brother used to get their stockings at three in the morning and bring them into the bedroom.

They looked through them, put them back, and then went to bed for a few more hours before running to the tree. My sister and I always got up in the middle of the night just to peek at the myriad gifts piled in three stacks in the living room. I still love Christmas, but the thrilling delight of Santa Claus and ripping open enticing packages just isn't there anymore.

I guess that I've been missing childhood lately. I feel an intense longing to go back to the days when worry and stress were concepts that were unknown to me. When

I was a little girl, my mom used to tell me that it was my job to play. My dad went to work, and my mom took care of me and my sister and brother, but my only job was to play and to make the most of every day. And I did.

Remember when the hot summer days seemed endless? We would wake up with the sun, play all day, coming inside only to eat, use the bathroom, or gather necessary toys and supplies, and then go to bed when the sun was still pink on the horizon and the birds could still be heard through the screens of open windows. The next day, we would do it all again.

I splashed in the icy water of my plastic Smurf kiddie pool, blew bubbles and watched them float away on a gentle breeze, and swung on the swingset for so long that my legs ached when I finally jumped to the ground. It was a fantastic feeling to spin around in the yard until my fingertips throbbed and my ears rang and I fell to the ground and watched the clouds and the branches of trees whirl above me in a giant circle. I built castles in the sand and picked dandelion bouquets and played hide-and-go-seek in the cornfields. Everything was exciting and fun.

Now, struggling to fit classes, homework, activities, and fun into one day seems almost impossible. I rarely have time to do what I want to do. When it was warm and sunny a few days ago, I yearned to run outside and play: to walk to the lake or play catch in a field, to spin. But I watched the clouds drift by out the window in my classes. By the time I could go out and enjoy the sunshine, it was slipping away. The

thought of midterms and GREs looming ahead and the everyday list of assignments to accomplish and work to complete has left me exhausted. When everything is finally finished, all I want to do is sleep. Basically, I need some of the carefree joy of childhood in my life right now.

But how can I feel carefree when I'm drowning in responsibilities? The only solution is to make time to enjoy life. My mom was right when she said that we have to make the most of every day. And that doesn't just mean managing time well or completing all of your tasks. It means appreciating all that we have: friends, a sunny afternoon, a funny joke, even a good meal in the cafe. Take a drive in the country and turn the radio WAY up, make snow angels in the middle of the night, blow bubbles at your friends at a party. Remember how to play. Be a c h i l d a g a i n .

Stuff's Featured Poet: Matthew Owens

Apartment 313: 5:40 A.M.

Gaudy, straight from the seventies,
Coordination is not emphasized here.
The colors brown, yellow, and orange
Frame the room's worn shag carpet.
There is a balcony and only a few roaches.
Must be the home of the privileged poor.

Drug running for 10 years and still alive,
James Greene's bosses put him here.
Strung-out friends and bitches are entwined
On his couches speckled with ash burns.
The yellowhaze from the party still hangs lazily
About the room, engulfing the comatosed.

Life is slow here, but no one seems to mind.
No one is in a hurry to face their reality.

J.C. Penney's Men's Department

Capricorn with brown hair and blue eyes
Short and skinny -- always fashionable.
Has rings on most of her fingers,
But none of them signal attachment.
Her smiles shield her annoyance
With customers who don't know sizes or have receipts.
Life is bearable, though, because her shift is over at noon.

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Scream - Fri / Sat / Sun 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:55. Mon. 5:10, 7:20, 9:55.

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